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The Honorable Paul E. Opsommer Chairman, House Committee on Transportation Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Opsommer and members of the committee:

I am writing this letter as a transplant surgeon, clinical leader, and a patient advocate. Organ transplantation saves lives; the lives of our patients, our neighbors and citizens of Michigan. Organ donation is the driver for transplantation services to become possible.

These bills will bring Michigan closer to national standards and performance of other States that have done well for their people. I applaud the authors of these bills for their advocacy to our patients and citizens.

I support House Bill 4978 and Senate Bill 134 and ask that this letter be shared with the committee.

Sincerely,

Marwan S. Abouljoud, MD, FACS